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Who's In? Who's Out?

Reagan struggles to form a Cabinet able—and willing—to serve

► CIA Director. William J. Casey, 67, Reagan's blunt-spoken campaign manager, is the clear front runner and almost certain to be appointed-if a Haig dropout does not cause him to be considered for Secretary of State. During World War II, Casey was a crafty and inventive chief of OSS intelligence operations in Europe. As Nixon's Securities and Exchange Commission chairman, he was accused of complicity in some scandals; though the charges never stuck, they may be revived in confirmation hearings. Although a dedicated conservative, Casey is flexible enough to win praise from liberal Democrats, including Historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.: "He'd be a good CIA chief. He's not a frenetic hard-liner."

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